

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 21, and 22 were amended, and claims 3, 7, 16, 19, and 26-42 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-18, and 20-25 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 5, 7, 9, 10, 19, 21, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amendment to claims 5, 9, 10, 21, and 22 obviates this rejection. Claims 7 and 19 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-18, 20-24, and 26-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Doyle (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,738) referring to claims 1-4, 6, 11-13, 15-18, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30-32, 35-40, 42. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7, and claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 15, and all claims that depend from claims 1 and 15 are allowable over Doyle. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 14 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doyle (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,738) in view of Misra (U.S. Patent No. 5,757,920). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.


As discussed above, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7, and claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14, which depends from claim 1, and claim 25, which depends from claim 15, are allowable over Doyle in view of Misra. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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